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To Whom it may concern,

I'm writing this letter to state that I am not in favor of the Microsoft settlement. It is no where near harsh enough and doesn't go far enough to prevent future abuses by Microsoft.

Microsoft wants everyone to believe that they aren't the big bullies anymore, but their actions speak louder than their words. A few months ago (the day Windows XP was released to the public) you couldn't access MS NBC with a browser other than Windows Explorer. You got a message that stated they wanted to ensure that you got the right user experience so you need Windows Explorer to ensure that. The next day there was an apology from Microsoft stating that it was done in error. We all know how Microsoft really feels and they haven't changed a bit. Why isn't Java included with Windows XP? Could it be in retaliation to Sun Microsystems? You don't have to look too hard to see Microsoft's true intentions. Microsoft proposed to donate a billion dollars worth of computer equipment, software and services. Do you really think they're concerned about the schools or out to better the market share where they don't have an overwhelming monopoly. I was insulted that they think we are that dumb to not see what they are up to. Have they really changed? These are only a couple of their actions, but what makes it extremely insulting is that they happened while they are in court over the past actions. Wouldn't you think they'd be on their best behavior instead of flaunting their supreme arrogance and belief that they are above the law? From what I've seen so far from the settlement, they have every reason to believe that they are above the law and can get away with anything they please. We barely gave them a slap on the wrist. I know it, they know it and the Department of Justice knows it. For some reason we just want this to go away.

I'm currently living in St. Joseph, Michigan and I very disappointed that the State of Michigan is one of the nine states that settled. I intend to send my Senators and Congressman a letter stating my feelings about this.

For a company that was found guilty to have made many billions of dollars illegally, is this really much of a penalty? I will be outraged if this ends up being their so called penalty. This only attempts to level the playing field from this point forward. I don't think it even goes far enough on that account, but no where do I see anything to penalize them on the past behavior. You'd think the penalty for illegally making billions and billions of dollars and forcing many software companies out of business would be equal to the crime, or more. Wouldn't you? Do I have an unusual sense of justice?

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